

James Allred, Harrisburg Baptist Church, Tupelo, and John Price, First Baptist Church, Anguilla, put crossarms on a pole.

# "Let there be light"

By James E. Smith Global Outreach, Tupelo, Miss., provided electricity for the village of Puerto Lempira, Honduras, in July. Now it is the only village in the entire state of Gracias a Dios that has elec-

The village had secured a diesel generator several years ago but was unable to adequately wire a distribu-tion system through the village. The problem was brought to the attention of Global Outreach about 18 months

When I repaired the generator and restored lights then to the Baptist camp in Puerto Lempira, the head of the little village came out to see me to ask if I could help them get lights in the village, too. It took quite a while to plan the system, gather the material, and then get it shipped to Honduras. In all, I have shipped four and one-half tons of electrical supplies. All of these supplies were donated by companies, churches, or individuals in Mississip pi. Several volunteers were instru-

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Last week we contacted the superintendent of a federal correctional institution to question him about the

## The Baptis Lauru OFFICIAL JOURNAL OF THE MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST CONVENTION Volume CV, Number 38 JACKSON MISSISSIPPI, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29, 1981

# Home Mission Board votes budget, sets up 'Day'fund

ATLANTA (BP)—Directors of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board adopted a record \$40.5 million budget for 1982, established a memorial fund honoring the late Cecil B. Day of Atlanta founder of Days Loss and lanta, founder of Days Inns, Inc., and established additional guidelines for its church loans division recently au-thorized to issue church bonds for local

Directors also named a new assistant director for its interfaith witness department to handle relations with other Christian groups in America, promoted two current staff members, and appointed 40 missionaries to join the 3,097 home missionaries serving throughout the United States its terthroughout the United States, its ter-ritories and Canada. This included Truett and Sara Smith of Largo, Fla. He will become pastor/direc First Baptist Church, and Miami Beach. He is a graduate of Mississippi

College and New Orleans Seminary.
The 1982 budget of \$40.5 million is an increase of \$3.6 million (9.9 percent) over the 1981 budget of \$68 million. Most of the income, almost \$30 million will come from the denomination's Cooperative Program unified budget plan and the annual Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for Home Missions.

Easter Offering for Home Missions.

Although it is the largest budget the mission agency has ever adopted, Home Mission Board vice president Leonard G. Irwin said the increase barely kept up with the cost of living. Irwin pointed out the agency's budgets.

for 1975, 1976 and 1979 were actually greater in buying power if adjusted for inflation.

In creating the Cecil B. Day Memo-rial Fund, HMB directors expressed appreciation to Mrs. Day and other members of the family for "their continuing concern and support of home

Although board officials will not dis-

close the amount of the gift in keeping with the wishes of the Day family, HMB President William G. Tanner said it was the largest estate contribu-tion ever made to the Home Mission Board, and one of the largest ever

given to a Baptist agency.

Tanner said the estate will be invested in short-term securities under a plan approved by the board, with the

interest used to support the work of the Home Mission Board. Tanner also announced record con-

tributions this year through the Annie Armstrong Offering, with \$18,143,226 received as of Oct. 21, exceeding the

1981 goal by five percent.
In his annual report, Tanner said he is convinced Southern Baptists are

# Youth Evangelism Conference to feature Arthur Blessitt

The 1981 Baptist Youth Evangelism Jackson. He earned the master of theology and doctor of ministry desippi College coliseum. Clinton, will grees from New Orleans Seminary. sippi College coliseum, Clinton, will feature Arthur Blessitt, Joe McKeever, and Bob Hamblin.

Blessitt is an evangelist who has walked 19,000 miles across six continents with a cross on his back to preach the gospel. He attended Missis-sippi College and Golden Gate-Semi-

nary.
Joe McKeever is pastor of First Baptist Church, Columbus, Miss. He has been pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church, Greenville; and was minister of evangelism at First Baptist church,

Hamblin is associate professor of evangelism at New Orleans Seminry. He was pastor of Harrisburg Baptist Church, Tupelo, for 22 years prior to joining the seminary faculty in 1980. He is a graduate of Union University and earned the bachelor of divinity, doctor of theology and doctor of philosophy degrees from Southwest-ern Seminary. He also was awarded the honorary doctor of divinity degree from Mississippi College in 1978. Inspirational music will be provided

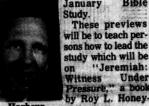
by The Cruse Family and by Wayne Watson. Bruce Fields. minister of youth & activities at First Church, Canton, will lead congregational

The program begins at 1 p.m., Mon-day; Dec. 28, with registration and closes at 4:30 p.m. the next day. A \$3 per person registration fee

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### Harbour will lead Bible study preview

Brian Harbour, pastor of First Bap-tist Church, Pensacola, Fla., will teach a series of previews of the 1982 January Bible Study.



Harbour cutt.

The previews will take place in early November at the four Mississippi Baptist colleges: Clarke College, Newton, Nov. 2; William Carey College, Hattiesburg, Nov. 3; Mississippi College, Clinton, Nov. 4; and Blue Mountain College, Nov. 5

College, Nov. 5. Each study will begin at 9:30 a.m., and conclude at 3 that afternoon. A

complimentary noon meal will be served at the host college's cafeteria. This training is grovided by Missis-sippi Baptist Sunery School Depart-

### Scripture: Philippians 2:9-11-"Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." Nashes, Biens

**James Hayes** 

Billy Williams

Ellisville, MS.

Earl H. Craig, Jr.

Fisher Humphreys Professor of Theology

James Hayes

Carey Cox Jim Yates

Louis Smith

Bill Hardy

**James Hayes** 

Hattiesburg

**Brooks Wester** 

Gene Hendrix

Troy Brand, Jr. Earl Kelly

First Baptist Church

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"Newlight"

Zach T. Hederman

**Baptist Student Union** 

Jones Junior College

will serve

### overseas Two Mississippi couples have been appointed missionaries by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

They are Binford and Sandra Nash and Glenn and Patricia Bien.

The Nashes will serve in Ghana. where he will be a missionary physician and she will be a church and home worker. They are members of First Baptist Church, Starkville, Miss. The Biens will serve in Bangladesh,

where he will be a general evangelist and she will be a church and home (Continued on page 2)



The Biens



### Letters to prisoners . . . \( \) Caution urged in witness

From time to time this publication has run letters to the editor from prisoners seeking contact with the outside world through correspondence. Without question, this can be an avenue of meaningful witness. The scriptures admonish us to be attentive to the problems of prisoners.

There are a number of organizations dedicated to providing a ministry to prisoners, and we are thankful for them. Theirs is a difficult task but one that is sorely needed.

Some of those organizations have praised us for publishing such letters. Nevertheless, we have been very cautious. We have not published all that we have received.

**John Barnes** 

Kennedy to retire

from New Orelans

J. Hardee Kennedy, vice president

for academic affairs for New Orleans

Seminary, will retire Dec. 31, accord-

New Orleans Seminary. And he did

New Orleans Seminary. And he did post-doctoral studies at Union Theological Seminary and Yale University Divinity School.

He joined the New Orleans faculty in 1947 and became full professor in 1954. He was dean of the School of Theology from 1959-68.

Kennedy is received to the form

Kennedy is married to the former Mary Virginia Gamble of Kentucky who is also a New Orleans graduate.

The Kennedys will retire to a new home in Meridian, Miss.

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President Landrum

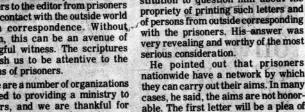
Kennedy, a native of Clarke County, Miss., is a graduate of Missis-

sippi College, and

earned the master

and doctor of theol-

ogy degrees from



He pointed out that prisoners nationwide have a network by which they can carry out their aims. In many cases, he said, the aims are not honorable. The first letter will be a plea of loneliness and the request for friendship. From there the prisoner will move to demands for money, some times in sizeable amounts. Or the demands may be made for possessions of some sort such as television sets. In many cases the demands are backed by threats which can be frightening.
By this time, of course, the prisoner has the address.
The superintendent said these condi-

tions are by no means a reason to stop writing. There are many instances in which such correspondence has a very ingful significance for the pris-

He said such correspondence must be approached with caution; and when a letter requesting money or goods is received, it should be turned over to the superintendent of the institution. Should any Baptist Record readers re-ceive such letters as a result of re-sponding to a letter to the editor in the Baptist Record, we would be glad to help get the demanding letter to the proper authorities.

37 year pastorate

## Barnes sets retirement from Main Street Church

By Dot Trussell Sunday, Oct. 18, 1981, John E. Barnes, Jr., pastor of Main Street Bap-tist Church, Hattiesburg for 37 years, announced his retirement on December 31, 1981. At the 11 o'clock worship hour, in announcing his retire ment, Barnes stated that the 37 years he has served as pastor of the Main Street Church have been the most re-

warding and happy years of his life.

Barnes was ordained to the gospel
ministry, Dec. 28, 1932, at Dauphin
Way Baptist Church, Mobile, Ala. During college and seminary years he served as pastor in Birmingham, Ala.; Cecilia, Ky.; and Quincey, Ind. After graduating from the Southern Seminary in Louisville, Ky. he served as pastor of First Baptist Church, Atmore, Ala., 1937-1942; First Church, West Point, Miss., 1942-1944; and then Main Street since June 15, 1944.

**During his pastorate at Main Street** the church membership has grown from 1550 to 2800. Three churches have been organized: Beacon Baptist Church, Northside Baptist Church (both in Hattiesburg) and La Boca Baptist Church in Balboa, Panama. During these years Main Street has had a record Sunday School atten-dance of 1534. On three occasions the Church Training has had over 1,000 in attendance. Recently the 9,000th person to join during Barnes pastorate, united with the church.

The church erected a new building in 1942 following the destruction of the original one by fire. In 1952, a \$370,000.00 education building and chapel were completed. In April 1968 the church concluded a million-dollar building program, including a new auditorium to seat 1700 without extra

They have a daughter who lives in The church has three radio programs over WFOR each Sunday. This includes both worship services and a

30 minute broadcast at 8:15, which has been on the air every Sunday for 36 years. The 11 o'clock worship service is also televised each Sunday on WDAM-TV channel 7. Surveys of all programs on WDAM have given this program from 58% to 89% of the TV

about 14,550, with baptisms about 5701, including pastorates and 227 revivals

Barnes has served twice as presi-Mississippi Baptist Convention Bo

On the Southern Baptist Convention level, he has served as president of the Sunday School Board; president of the Board of Directors, Southern Baptist Hospitals; and chairman of the South-

for a Christian?" and contributor to the Southern Baptist Encyclopedia, Open Windows, and other Baptist pub-lications.

daughter of James Allen and Mary Nettles (Dennis) Stallworth. She re-ceived an A. B. degree from Howard College, and M. A. magna cum laude from Mississippi Southern College (University of Southern Mississippi). She has participated in many facets of church life, and for 30 years worked (Continued on page 2)

**Musical Praise** Convention Called to Order Call to Worship Congregational Praise Scripture Prayer

audience in the prime viewing area. During Barnes' 49-year ministry, the overall church additions total in 13 states, Jamaica, and the Bahama

dent of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, and also has been president of the and Executive Committee, president of the Board of Trustees of William Carey College, and chairman of the Mississippi Baptist Education Commission of the Mississippi Baptist Education Commission of the Mississippi Baptist mission. On June 27, 1976 Mississippi College presented him with the Service to Humanity Award, recognizing his distinguished work as pastor and to the denomination.

ern Baptist Committee on Boards. He is author of the tract "Is It Right

On Aug. 25, 1936, at Beatrice, Ala., he married Marion Johnson Stallworth, daughter of James Allen and Mary

Order Of Business FIRST SESSION: Monday Afternoon, November 9 Instrumentalist **Brooks Wester** 

Mississippi

Baptist Convention

November 9-11, 1981

First Baptist Church

Jackson, Mississippi

Theme: "Jesus is Lord"

Message in Song

Organization of Convention Recognition and Seating of Messengers Report of Committee on Order of Business Welcome to Jackson Congregational Praise Bible Treasure

New Orleans Baptist Seminary New Orleans, La. Business Presentation Report of Committee on Committees Report of Committee on Constitution and By-Laws Presentation of 1982 Budget Congregational Praise Family Living Introduction of New Workers in State Message in Song

President's Address Benediction

SECOND SESSION: Monday Night, November 9 **Musical Praise** 

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Annette Hitt
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Earl Kelly
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Jim Yates

President

Southwestern Baptist Seminary

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9:00	Call to Worship	
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44.3		Cliff Shipp
	Prayer	
41	Message in Song	Johnny Speedling, Jr.
9:20	Bible Treasure	Fisher Humphreys
9:35	Business Presentation	
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Election of Convention President Report from Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis Report from Mississippi Baptist Medical Center, Jackson Joe Powell Dan Hall Harold S. Smith Congregational Praise ecial Presentation

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Report of Convention Board Adoption of Budget Miscellaneous Busin **Ed Gandy** Report from Board of Ministerial Education **Gus Merritt** Report from Board of Ministerial Report from Baptist Foundation Family Living Congregational Praise Message in Song Harold Kitchings 11:00 Gerald Hasselman Billy Vaughan **Men's Quartet** First Baptist Church Laurel, MS Russell Dilday 11:25 Sermon

Fort Worth, TX Leslie Hicks FOURTH SESSION - Tuesday Afternoon, November 10

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Report from Children's Village
Family Living Joe Tuten **Paul Nunnery** Jo Hollman **Donn Kenyon Singers** Message in Song Winfred Moore Pastor First Baptist Church Amarillo, TX Bob McKee

FIFTH SESSION: Tuesday Night, November 10

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First Baptist Church Yazoo City Jim Yates Wayne Kimbrough

SIXTH SESSION: Wednesday Morning, November 11 Instrumentalists **Congregational Praise** 

Call to Worship Congregational Praise Scripture Lester Mason Paul Aultman Gene Henderson Prayer Message ge in Song Message in Song
Bible Treasure
Miscellaneous Business and Reports
"Discipleship" Report
Report of Mississippi Baptist Seminary
Report of Resolutions Committee Fisher Humphreys Leo Barker and Tommy Hudson Richard Brogan **Cliff Perkins** Memorial Service Congregational Praise Cecil Harper Cecil Harper ge in Song

Carolyn Weatherford **Executive Director** Woman's Missionary Union, SBC Cliff Perkins **Church-Minister Relations Report** Eugene Roberts William Carey College Chorale **Family Living** 

James M. Dunn **Executive Director Baptist Joint Committee** Washington, D. C. William Watson, Jr. Benediction ADJOURN

**Brooks Wester** Becky Payne, Organist Eva Hart, Pianist

## Church picks missions over new cooling unit

OXFORD, Ala. (BP)—An Alabama hurch, faced with fixing their air conditioner or catching up with mission gifts, picked missions.

In June 1980 the air conditioner in First Baptist Church, Oxford, Ala., wentout. The church was \$5,600 behind its budget receipts and \$8,200 behind in what it had planned to give to missions through the Cooperative Program.

In a business meeting, members decided not to borrow money for an air conditioner unless they also were committed to catch up in mission gifts. member offered to loan \$12,000 in-erest free for the air conditioner if the church would commit to borrowing the Cooperative Program money if it had not caught up by December.

"That short, hot summer drew our cople together around the Cooperative Program as our commitment to hrist rather than comfort," pastor uddy Nelson explained. "We didn't uffer a drop in attendance and budget accipts increased 23 percent above he previous year."

It didn't take long for the church to reap the benefits of the commitment.

they purchased a new air conditioner and the unit was paid for in increased giving by the membership. Gifts to missions through the Cooperative Program are also up to date.

Within three months from the time

### Association 175 this year

Mississippi Baptist Association, oldest in the state, celebrated its 175th anniversary last week during its an-

nual meeting.
In 1798, when the United States obtained possession of the Mississippi Territory by treaty, Richard Curtis, who started the first Mississippi Bap-tist church and fled Catholic prosecution, returned to the area. By 1806 there were six churches. They united in the organization of the Mississippi Baptist Association, which met at Salem Church that September. Today there are 27 cooperating

churches in the association which is composed of churches in Wilkinson and Amite Counties. John Paul Jones is director of missions.



James Smith leads a course in electronics in Puerto Lempira, Honduras, so leaders of the village will be able to maintain the new electrical system installed by Mississippi men. At extreme left is Landon Wilkerson, missionary, who interpreted.



Bobby Gordon works in the shade of a coconut tree at Puerto Lempira, Honduras as he prepares a pole for the transformer. Gordon is a layman of First Baptist Church, Rolling Fork, At left is Terrell Mayo, layman in the Shiloh Baptist Church, Louisville. He is preparing the transformer to be raised.

### Baptists rush food to hurricane-hit Los Mochis

LOS MOCHIS, Mexico (BP)-Hurricane Lydia's 90-mile-per-hour winds had scarcely subsided when Baptists in Los Mochis, Sinaloa State, Mexico, began rescue and relief ef-

Even before relief funds were made available, a Baptist layman, Josue Castro, of Los Mochis, immediately made \$4,000 available. Within 48 hours after the Oct. 7 storm, local Baptists distributed emergency food packets to the estimated 50,000 homeless in the

Baptists in Los Mochis met with the mayor and municipal disaster relief officials Oct. 9 to coordinate efforts. The city and the Baptists are each preparing 500 packets with enough basic foodstuffs-such as beans, rice, corn flour, sugar and oil—to feed a family of six for three days. The Baptists are including tracts in their packets.

Members of Los Mochis' two Baptist churches worked late Oct. 9 packaging 300 packets and distributing some 75 to lestitute. People in the neighborhood of Gethsemane Baptist Church, where the relief effort was headquartered, were amazed, according to Southern Baptist representative Mike

'It was a great testimony to all have these Baptists preparing the relief supplies," he said. "The city's disaster relief coordinator was really touched.

to help like this. He rolled out the red carpet and offered the city's full support and approval of the Baptist ef-

Two newspapers in Los Mochis interviewed Baptist pastor Abelardo Rodriguez and photographed the early Bantist relief efforts.

Southern Baptist medical represen tative Lee Baggett and a mobile medical team were expected to arrive in Los Mochis Oct. 12. They were coming from the state of Oaxaca

Many people were sick from drink-ing contaminated water in the wake of the storm. Hardest hit among the Bap-tists by storm damage and sickness were the Mayos, an indigenous people whose village lies just outside Los Mochis

Three Baptist families' homes were destroyed and five others unroofed there. The home of a Baptist family in Los Mochis also was destroyed. Twelve Baptist homes were unroofed and three Baptist families fled their homes because of flooding.

The parsonage of Gethsemane Baptist Church suffered extensive water

The Mayo congregation was to have organized their mission into a church o days after the storm, but that service had to be postponed. Theirs will be the first Baptist church of the Mayos, who number 200,000 along Mexico's

## Accent far from Arabic, but Bud crosses boundaries

By Martha Lytle onary To Israel



Bud Edwards was deayed in his arrival to Israel as a BSU summer missionary by a mix-up at an airport, but it didn't take Bud long to settle in to life in Israel. Though Ole Miss is a

ong way from Baptist Village and Bud's accent was a far cry from the Arabic spoken in most of our camps, the ove Bud shared crosed any possible boundaries.

He began his work at the Village by assisting in the planting of a veg etable garden and clear ing a citrus grove.

After the camps and conferences began, Bud served as a cabin counselor, lifeguard, first aid instructor and activities coordinator throughout the 10 weeks. His willingness to serve in any capacity was quite an asset to him and his interest in the people of this land endeared him to many who said goodbye at the end of the

### Barnes sets retirement

with younger preschoolers.

The Barnes have three children:
Frances Marilyn Barnes Green, Germantown, Tenn.; John Evans Barnes III, Prentiss, Miss., pastor of Antioch (Jeff Davis); and Elizabeth Carson Barnes McEver, Memphis, Tenn. There are eight grandchildren.

On the occasion of the pastor's 25th anniversary at Main Street, Mayor Paul Grady and the city of Hattiesburg bestowed upon him the title of honorary mayor; and on the 30th anniversary Mayor A. L. Gerard, Jr. designated June 10-16, 1974, as John E. Barnes, Jr. Week. At that time Governor William L. Waller proclaimed June 16 as John E. Barnes Day in rec-ognition of his leadership as a minister in Hattiesburg and in the state of Mississippi. In September 1978, he received the WHSY Thirty Years of Excellence Award in the category of re-

He is listed in Who's Who in the South and Southeast and Outstanding Per-

(Mrs. Dot Trussell is secretary at Main Street Church.)

# "Let there be light"

(Continued from page 1) mental in crating, loading, and trans-portating the supplies from Texas to

A group of 14 volunteers traveled to Honduras the second week of July and began installing the modern distribution system. Two of the volunteers, S. B. Platt and Jane Taylor, worked with Pat Wilkerson, in the medical clinic. The other twelve worked from 6 a.m. until 7 p.m. each day in the village on the electrical distribution system.

The transformer bank installed in

the generator house provides three ses of high voltage through the village. Six step-down transformers pro-vide 120 volts for lights and small appliances. The installation was made ording to modern electrical codes and standards.

The military captain of the area stated, "It is good for us to be working

together with Christians, instead of Communist groups, like countries around us are doing." The local people were deeply impressed that lay people were concerned and worked so hard to see that they received lights in their

Group members who participated in the project were Terrell Mayo, Bill Lee, David Pope, James Allred, Hunter Huff, Sammy Platt, S. B. Platt, Glenn Heath, Jane Taylor, Auzie Sullivan, Bobby Gordon, John Price, Ed Buckner, Jr., and James Smith.

The project was considered by all to be highly successful. However, this act of cooperation, concern and love will be even more successful as nationals come to know "the Light of the

(James E. Smith is director of development, Global Outreach, formerly Agricultural Missions Foundation.)

## Home Mission Board votes budget, sets up 'Day' fund

(Continued from page 1) standing on the threshold of the two most important decades of the twentieth century.

"It may well be that the towering issue of the final fifth of this hundred years will be world survival," Tanner said. "A creeping fear of utter extinc-tion has burrowed into the secret depths of our collective nature."

In this kind of world, Southern Baptists have accepted the greatest challenge the denomination has ever considered in its Bold Mission Thrust plan to proclaim the gospel of Christ to every person in the world by the year 2000, Tanner said. "Bold Mission Thrust is not just another glib cliche, but rather a living, viable concept with

In an effort to help Baptist churches find additional financial resources to establish new churches and missions and improve existing churches, the directors approved additional guidelines for the church loan division's plan to issue church bonds.

Board members authorized the loans division to set aside up to \$1 million to purchase 20 percent of a church's bond issue provided that the interest return on the bonds be equal to the interest rate on current church loans (currently 131/2 percent with

three points discount). The HMB loans division would not buy more than \$100,000 in bonds from any single church. When the division's investment in church bonds reaches the \$600,000 level, the bonds would be offered for sale to the general Baptist public at face value.

In other actions, the directors elected Richard W. Harmon, curriculum development coordinator for the SBC Sunday School Board's Sunday School department, as assistant director for American Christianity in the interfaith witness department, effective Dec. 7. Harmon will succeed C. Brownlow Hastings, who is retiring as assistant director for Roman Catholics and Orthodox after 10 years on the staff.

Phillip B. Jones, formerly planning researcher, was promoted to associate director of the research division; and Michael D. Robertson, assistant director, was promoted to associate director of the special mission ministries department.

Directors also voted to consider helping sponsor financially a Bold Mission—New Orleans evangelistic effort before the Southern Baptist Convention in New Orleans, June 15-17, 1982.

(Newton is HMB news editor.)



The Cruse Family will be featured during the Baptist Youth Evangelism Conference in Clinton, Dec. 28-29.

It is only after a man gets rich that he discovers how many poor relatives

No man can be at peace with God without getting into an argument with

# Youth Ev.

(Continued from page 1) needs to be paid on or before Dec. 18, through the Evangelism Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Box 530, Jackson, Miss. 39205.

## Nashes, Biens will serve

(Continued from page 1) rker. He is pastor of Latexo (Texas) Baptist Church.

Born in Hattiesburg, Nash is the son of Mrs. David Dockery of Jackson and the late B. T. Nash. He considers Jackson his hometown. He is a graduate of Mississippi College and earned the doctor of medicine degree from the University of Mississippi School of Medicine, Jackson.

He completed a three-year residency in family medicine at the University Medical Center in Jackson and operated a private practice in Starkville for two years. The couple are taking courses at New Orleans Seminary

Mrs. Nash, the former Sandra Nobles, is the daughter of the Lewis Nobles of Clinton, her hometown. She is a graduate of Mississippi College and has worked as a computer programmer in Jackson.

They have a daughter, Amy Suzanne, born in 1977, and a son, Binford

Truett, III, born in 1980. Bien was born in Memphis and is the

son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard E. Bien of Independence, Miss., his hometown, where he attended Mount Zion Baptist

He is a graduate of Northwest Mississippi Junior College, Memphis State University, and earned the master of divinity degree from Southwestern Seminary

Mrs. Bien, the former Patricia McElhaney, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Felix T. McElhaney of Coldwater, Miss., her hometown. She attended Northwest Mississippi Junior College and expects to receive the associate of science degree from Angelina College, Lufkin, Tex. She has ked as a secretary in Fort Worth and, along with her husband, a substi-tute teacher in Latexo. She also copsiders the Mount Zion Church, her

home church. The Biens have a daughter, Emily Ann, born in 1977, and a son, Nathan

Both familes will go to Pine Muntain, Ga., in January for a 12 week orientation before leaving for the field.

# WMU seeks different Birmingham location

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (BP)— Woman's Missionary Union wants to

carolyn Weatherford, WMU executive director, announced Oct. 16 in a letter to Birmingham area pastors and WMU leaders, that WMU is looking both for a buyer for its downtown building and 10 to 20 acres of land on which to build a new facility.

which to build a new faculty.

WMU purchased its current offices, the former Family Research Insurance building, at 600 N. 20th St., in 1951. It added two floors in 1961 and a rear expansion in 1977, and the building now contains 40,800 square feet of floor

space.
The property, in the heart of Bir-mingham's financial and government district, was valued by a Birmingham

appraiser at approximately \$1 million. Growth in the national office staff, changes in publishing technology and need for more warehouse space prompt relocation, Weatherford said. A change in printing contracting rela-

tions caused WMU to have to store large amounts of its inventory, for which it now leases 15,000 square feet

of warehouse space.

The WMU board executive first authorized a space study by an outside consultant and had appraisals made. Architects for the WMU building studied the possibility of building additional floors. Lease space in downtown was studied. All investigations convinced the board to pursue a move.

WMU is a self-supporting auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention. It publishes 10 periodicals, in English and Spanish.

Its annual campaigns raise more money each year for the operation of the Southern Baptist Home and Foreign Mission Boards than do gifts

was founded in 1888 with offices in Baltimore, Md. At the invitation of Birmingham Baptists, WMU relocated in Birmingham in 1921.



#### WMU relocation committee

The relocation committee for Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to Southern Baptist Convention, is making plans to move national WMU headquarters to another site in the Birmingham area. Committee members are (left to right): Mrs. James Lowry; Mrs. Edwin Howard; Mrs. Robert Dent, Sr., of Mississippi; Dorothy Sample, president, WMU, SBC; Mrs. J. Frank Gilreath, recording secretary, WMU, SBC and relocation committee chairman; Carolyn Weatherford, executive director, WMU,

## Christian Women United will meet in Fort Worth

A Woman and The Mark of A Man Other speakers for the conferen Other speakers for the conference include Jeannette Clift George, who

played the lead role of Corrie ten Boom

in World Wide Pictures' movie The

Hiding Place. She is author of Some

Run With Feet Of Clay. Musician Be-

verly Terrell; former football star

Paige Cothren and his wife, Foy; and Mrs. Bailey Smith, wife of the presi-dent of the Southern Baptist Conven-

tion, are also among the speakers for

Fort Worth's Christian Women Un-

ited, '81 conference will feature work-

shops on "Physical and Spiritual

Beauty in Homemaking," "Portrait of a Triumphant Marriage," "Widows, God's Special Women," "Partners in Ministry: Chosen and Equipped"

(wives of church staff members)
"Laughter Under a Moth-Eaten Halo"

(turning blunders into blessings),

"How Do I Serve You Now, Lord?" (divorce), "Singleness, A Special Gift," "Lifestyle Evangelism," and

Pre-registration and further infor-

Christian Women United, '81, Post Of-

fice Box 12935, Fort Worth, Texas

Senator Stennis

CLINTON-Senator John C. Stennis

of Mississippi was the featured

speaker at the William B. Crockroft Forum on Free Enterprise scheduled

for Mississippi College, Monday, Oct.

Stennis spoke at 10 a.m. in Nelson Auditorium to students, faculty and

staff. He conducted a news conference

at 11 a.m. in the Media Center of the

The Cockroft Forum on Free Enterprise was established at Mississippi

College last spring to place special emphasis on the American economic

system and its entrepreneurial spirit.

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ference for the Christian woman, is scheduled for Nov. 5-7 at the Tarrant County Convention Center in Fort Worth. The purpose of this three-day conference is to affirm the Christian woman in her role and her faith as she finds peace and happiness in following Biblical principles, according to a

Featured speaker of the Christian Women United, '81 conference will be Elisabeth Elliot, noted speaker and writer, who served as a missionary in the jungles of Ecuador for 10 years, putting the spoken tongue of the native Indians into written language and then translating the Bible into this language. Her husband, Jim Elliot, was speared to death by the Auca Indians while attempting to take the Gospel to them. Elisabeth and her small daughter remained in Ecuador and were eventually able to befriend and share the gospel with those same Auca Indians. Since leaving Ecuador, she has written 14 books, including Let Me Be

### Beth Tillery, Convention Bd. retiree, dies

Beth Tillery, 60, of Clinton, died Oct. 24 in Mississippi Baptist Medical Center, Jackson. Funeral services were held Monday, Oct. 26, at 2 p.m. from First Baptist Church, Clinton, where she was a member. Burial was in Lakewood Memorial Park,

Mrs. Tillery was administrative assistant and secretary to the business manager of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board from 1968 until she took medical retirement on May 1, 1981. Previously she had worked as secretary in the Department of Evangelism, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, and for Seminary Extension, as well as on the staff of Calvary Bartist Church, Lockson.

vary Baptist Church, Jackson.
A native of River Falls, Ala., she studied at Howard College (now Samford University), Birmingham, Ala., and at Modern Business Academy, Montgomery. Her husband, John R. Tillery, is an ordained Baptist minister who has served pastorates at Good Hope (Winston), Bethesda (Hinds), and County Line (Rankin). Survivors in addition to her husband

Survivors in addition to her husband are three sons, Johnnie G. Tillery of Jackson, Harry N. Tillery of Marks, and Frank A. Tillery of Clinton; a daughter, Sue Blaise of Clinton; three brothers, Norman O'Neal of Clinton, J. Paul O'Neal of Enterprise, Ala., and James O'Neal of Andalusia, Ala.; three gisters Margie Austin of River. three sisters, Margie Austin of River Falls, Ala., Rachael Peacock of Florala, Fla., and Marie Gowan of Miami; and six grandchildren.

#### Retired people are invited to breakfast

The Mississippi Baptist Annuitants Fellowship invites all retired church and denominational staff people, who are not annuitants, to attend the annual breakfast held during the State Conven-tion, as guests, provided each one will make a reservation by calling the Church-Minister Relations and Annuity office (968-3825) or writing to Bill Sellers, Box 530, Jackson, Miss., 39205. All reservations must be in no later than

The breakfast will be held at First Baptist Church, Jackson, in dining rooms A and B at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday, November 10.

#### Campers-on-Mission elect officers

The Fall rally for Mississippi Campers-on-Mission was held Sept. 25-27 at Sleepy Hollow Campground, Houston, Miss. with 34 families attend-

The organization elected Russell Shaw of Eupora as president. Other officers are Grey Edmondson, Edwards, vice president; Frances Scitzs, Meridian, secretary; Nell Boone Jayess, treasurer; and Bob Leavell, Leland, Lonnie Knight, Long Beach, and Golden Mason, Ruth, as chap-

Speakers included Foy Rogers of the Cooperative Missions Department, Mississippi Baptist Conveniton Board; Frank Henry, of Bogue Chitto Baptist Church, and Bert Leavell taught Sunday School.

Henry gave a message about the need for rebuilding of the Bogue Chitto church, for which the COM group has

already raised \$4,600.
Campers-on-Mission rallies are held twice a year-in the Spring and in the

The next meeting will be the last eekend in March at Boone's Camp on the Pearl River, south of Colum For more information contact Fr ances Scitzs at 2308 52nd Ave., Meridian, Miss. 39301.

#### Tickets for Southern luncheon

Tickets for the Southern Seminary alumni luncheon to be held during the Mississippi Baptist Convention can be ordered now from Ralph Winders, 5828 Concord, Jackson, MS 30211. They are \$4.50 each.

The luncheon will be on Wed., Nov. 11, in the Sky Room in the Baptist Building, Jackson.

#### New Orleans lunch to be Tuesday

The alumni from New Orleans Seminary will meet Tuesday, Nov. 10, 1981 instead of a traditional Wednesday meeting. The luncheon will be in the Delta III Room of the Holiday Inn Downtown, Jackson, and is scheduled to begin immediately following the morning session of the Mississippi **Baptist Convention.** 

Another change is advance purchase of tickets. All tickets must be ordered no later than Nov. 2. They are \$6.00 each and should be ordered by check or money order sent to: Gordon Sansing, First Baptist Church, 31

Washington St., Pontotoc, MS 38863.
According to Gene Henderson, Mississippi alumni president for New Orans Seminary, no tickets will be av ailable at the convention or the Holiday Inn because reservations must be finalized 48 hours in advance.

#### Mid-America alumni lunch to be at MC

Danny M. Crowe, pastor of West Marks Baptist Church and president of the Mississippi chapter of Mid-America Seminary Alumni, has an-nounced an alumni luncheon to be held during the Mississippi Baptist Conven-tion in the Hall of Fame Room at Mis-sissippi College, Nov. 10, at noon. "We will have a time of fellowship and reports," said Crowe.

#### Homecoming

Calvary (Lincoln) homecoming, Nov. 1: Sunday School 10 a.m.; wor-ship services 11 a.m.; guest speaker James Porch; dinner on the grounds; afternoon service about 1:30 with singing; Tommy Dobbins, pastor.

### Mississippi Baptist activities

Nov. 2—Pastor/New Church Training Director Conference; 7-9:30 p.m., East Heights Church, Tupelo/FBC, Grenada/Morrison Heights Church, Clinton/Temple Church, Hattiesburg (CT)

January Bible Study Preview; Clarke College, Newton; 9:30 a.m.-3

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9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. (SS)
Nov. 6-8—International Student Convention; Camp Garaywa, Clinton; 7 p.m.,

6th-11 a.m., 8th (SW)



#### Jones women slate day of prayer

The Laurel-Jones County Library is the site of an associational version of the Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer, Nov. 2, at 7 p.m. The prayer meeting is being held by the Jones County Woman's Missionary Union, in cooperation with the National Baptist women's groups of the area. This is the second year for this meeting in Jones County. More than 150 attended in 1980. Pictured are planners of the prayer meeting from left: Mrs. Alma Barnes, president of the East Mississippi State Baptist Women's Auxiliary; Mrs. Jean Williams, Jones Association Baptist Women director; Mrs. Elaine Sims, Jones WMU director; Mrs. Dell Scoper, chairman of the planning committee; and Mrs. Anneil Jones, member of Friendship Baptist Church, represent ing National Baptist women on the committee.

## Leaders earn diplomas

The following leadership diplomas have been received by Mississippi Baptist Church organizational leaders during the quarter July-August-September, 1981.

Sunday School Leadership Adult Leaders: Mrs. Elaine Price, Calvary, Adams; John A. Patrick, Ridgecrest, Hinds-Madison; Mrs. Josie Patrick, Ridgecrest, Hinds-Madison; William Watson, Ridgecrest, Hinds-Madison; Pauline Bibb, First, Calhoun City, Calhoun; Mrs. Stella Young South Side, Lauderdale.

Sunday School Leadership Youth Leaders: William G. Watson, Ridge-crest, Hinds-Madison; Mike Mitchell South Side, Lauderdale; Barry Hardy, First, Crystal Springs, Copiah; Allen Tyner, South Side, Lauderdale; Sharon Nelson, Columbia, Marion.

Sunday School Leadership Children Leader: Mrs. Virginia Irby, South Side, Lauderdale; Brenda Tyner South Side, Lauderdale; Allen Tyner, South Side, Lauderdale.

Sunday School Leadership Preschool Leader: Mrs. Dott C. Edwards Broadmoor, Hinds-Madison; Brenda Tyner, South Side, Lauderdale; Allen Tyner, South Side, Lauderdale. Senior Adult Leadership: Allen

Tyner, South Side, Lauderdale. Sunday School Leadership General Officers: Luther Meadows, Ridge-crest, Hinds-Madison; Mrs. Lenors Deaton, Priceville, Lee.

Church Training Leadership Preschool Leaders: Peggy J. Buckman, Plainway, Jones; Karen Stokley Plainway, Jones; Sarah Golding, Bel-

Church Recreation Leadership:

### Shepherd's Staff will hold Nov. 8 open house

The Shepherd's staff, a non-profit counseling service in Jackson, has scheduled dedication services for its work on Nov. 8 at 2 p.m. Open house will be held from 2 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. at the service's office at 1701 North West Street in Jackson

The Shepherd's Staff is staffed by Kenneth R. Gilburth and his wife, Ann. oth are graduates of New Orleans Seminary with master of religious education degrees with majors in psychology and counseling. Ken Gil-burth is a candidate for a doctoral degree in pastoral psychology and counseling from New Orleans Seminary in December. He is a member of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy. He has taught clinical pastoral training in a Louisiana hospital and has been a contract teacher at New Orleans Semi-

Ann Gilburth is a native of Jackson, and she is also a member of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy. Both have been engaged in private practice in New Or-leans and in seminars and retreats.

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Jimmy Smith, Alta Woods, Hinds-Madison; Charles Nikolic, Van Wink-le, Hinds-Madison; Joe May, Jr., Immanuel, LeFlore; Sharon Nelson, Calvary, Marion; Tom Prather, First, Newton, Newton; Mark Donnell, White Sand, Pearl River; Ted Bostick Calvary, Pike; Mark Seanor, First, McComb, Pike; Jerry Ball, Crossgates, Rankin; Donald Hintze, First, Pearl, Rankin; Danny White, Drew, Sunflower; Dennis Smith, Cartersville, LeBannon.

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men: Mrs. Nathan Jarnagin, Calvary, Hinds-Madison; Mrs. Sara Richardson, Calvary, Hinds-Madison.

W.M.U. Leadership Girls In Action Leader: Mrs. B. C. Oakley, Bruce, Calhoun; Pauline Bibb, First, Calhoun, Calhoun; Mrs. Linda Gatlin, Wade Jackson W.M.U. Leadership Mission Friends

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BAPTIST RECORD PAGE 3 Thursday, October 29, 1981 Mississippi in top three: new WMUs

Mississippi is one of the top three state conventions in the number of new Woman's Missionary Union organizations started since WMU launched its National Enlargement Plan last March. Nineteen new WMU's have. been organized.

The only other state convention which has organized more is Kentucky. with 21. Florida also had 19.

As of September 4, 1981, the number of churches reporting new WMU or-ganizations is 180. Twenty-one out of 34 state Baptist conventions have reported new WMU organizations since the National Enlargement Plan be-

gan.
Called New WMU, the purpose of the plan is to begin new WMU organiza-tions in 11,604 Southern Baptist churches which report no WMU. The project is sponsored jointly by national and state WMU's. It will culminate in September, 1983.

#### FMB: new box

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# BYW's largest attendance recorded at Garaywa retreat

By Marilyn Hopkins
Baptist Young Women Consultant
The largest attendance at the annual
Baptist Young Women Retreat was
recorded Oct. 9 and 10. 170 came from across the state, from 45 churches and 33 associations, for the retreat held in

They heard foreign missionaries, Glenna Stamps, from Managua, Nicaragua and Nan Sugg from Tainan, Taiwan. Special feature was Marjorie Kelly, author of the Gifted Woman I

This year the theme was "Send Me ...", The BYW were challenged to see

where the Lord was sending them—around the world, or right here at home in Mississippi!

State BYW representatives on the Mississippi WMU executive board were featured on the retreat program and were presented with the new BYW

pin during the meeting.

Mrs. Stamps and Mrs. Sugg, told of their work in Nicaragua and Taiwan, sharing prayer requests during the prayer time each session. Both women told how the Lord has

used them in their missionary service as wives and mothers. Glenna shared as a missionary who has recently

faced a civil war in Nicaragua, but praised the Lord for the work that was

done even during these troubled days. While Nan, a new missionary, told of the doubts she had about her call as she entered into a new culture and language, only to discover a stronger commitment because of the trials

The music and theme interpretations were led by a former missionary journeyman, Janie Boykin, Raleigh. Janie has been a part of the Camp Garaywa summer GA and Acteens camping program since 1975 as a col-lege student. Since that time she has taken part on different WMU sponsored programs.

Janie has just completed a two year assignment as the WMU worker in Liberia and plans to enter Golden Gate

Seminary in California in January.

Janie said during the retreat, "I'll return to the mission field after completing my studies because the Lord is me' to tell others about him." She will marry a former missionary journeyman and they plan to both return to the mission field after seminary training.

This retreat for BYW was held simultaneous to the Baptist Women Retreat for the first time. Approxi-mately 380 women participated during

The BYW Retreat for 1982 is now being planned. The date is October 8-9,

being planned. The date is October 8-9, 1982, starting on Friday evening at 6:30 p.m. with supper and concluding Saturday afternoon at 2:30 p.m. Watch for information about this annual retreat from Marilyn Hopkins in the Baptist Record, and in the WMU newspaper, alongside which is mailed to WMU leaders and pastors.

# Mennonite in Guatemala

AKRON, Pa. (EP)-Two Conservative Mennonite Fellowship missionaries were shot, and one was killed in the early hours of September 14 in Palama, Guatemala, some 60 miles northwest of Guatemala City. The assailants were a group of about 10 men who claimed to be members of a guer-rilla organization, according to Men-nonite Central Committee News Ser-

Killed was John Troyer, husband of Marie Troyer and father of five young children. He had been pastor of a mostly Indian congregation in the vil-lage. It has some 40 members and an additional 35 attending. Gary Miller, a single voluntary service worker who was assisting Troyer, spent two days in a Guatemala hospital before returning to the United States. According to Elson Sommers, treasurer of the Conservative Mennonite Fellowship (CMF) mission board, representa-tives of the U.S. embassy told Marie Troyer that her husband and Miller are the first Protestant missionaries in Guatemala to become direct victims of the country's current conflict.

During the hour or so 10 uniformed men were looting and burning the Troyer home they emphatically claimed to be members of the Guer-rilla Army of the Poor (EGP), according ing to Sommers, who has spoken ex-tensively with Miller since his return.

The Conservative Mennonite Fellowship mission board has now re-moved the four families and four single persons who had been working in Guatemala.

The 1981 Southern Baptist Conven tion Annual lists 28 Southern Baptist missionaries serving in Guatemala. None are serving in the area where the guerrrillas are operating.

NO SOFT SPOT by D. W. Green, Jeremiah. He begins with preliminary Greemock Books, Box 138, Edwards, Miss. 39066; 87 pages; \$4.50. Though this book is fictionalized, it is

based on events in the life fo the au-thor. In it he takes the reader through many trials, turmoils and joys in the life of a preacher as he makes his way to an ever-broadening faith in the leadership of God. Many preachers will find the book interesting as they are able to relate to circumstance that might have been similar. The author points out with honesty the mis-takes he made that caused him problems and notes at the end how he finally was able to erase from his memory the hurts he suffered along the way at the hands of others. As is pointed out in the foreword by Clifton Perkins, di-rector of the Mississippi Baptist De-partment of Church-Minister Relations and Annuity, the message of the book is that "both ministers and church members need to come to a better understanding of each other's positions and responsibilities.

The author is pastor of Edwards Baptist Church in Edwards. The narrative style of the book makes easy

AN OUTLINED STUDY OF AN OUTLINED STUDY OF JEREMIAH (God's dealings with His world and peoples) by L. E. Green, retired Baptist pastor, 4507 Fort Street, Pascagoula, Miss. 39567; 35 mimeographed, single-spaced pages plus bibliography; available from the author; 25 during the Mississippi Baptist Convention if purchased at the convention and 43 by mail postpaid.

This is a continuation of the study outlines prepared annually by this re-

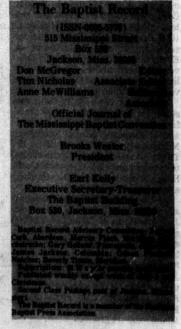
outlines prepared annually by this re-tired Mississippi pastor on the January Bible study book. This year the price is higher than previously because of the increase in postage and in

The author points out that the material is not a verse-by-verse study of

study with the introduction, eight sections, and the conclusion. The section headings are God's Call of Jeremiah to be His Prophet, God's Great Sin-Problem in Judah, God's Righteous Intolerance of Sin, God's Sovereign Purpose of Righteousness, God's Conditioned Promises, God's Prophet Convinced by Faith, God's Promised Judgments Fulfilled, and God's Mes-

sage to Foreign Nations.

It would be of interest to those who have made use of these outlines through the years that the author under went open-heart surgery before beginning the work. His recovery was in time to complete the study and have it available at the convention.—DTM





State BYW Representatives on the WMU executive board were presented the new W pin by Marilyn Hopkins at right, BYW consultant, Mississippi WMU. (left to right) rs. Gerald (Annette) Ford, Oakland; Mrs. Alan (Marilyn) Griffin, Laurel; Mrs. Kenth (Glenda) Mims, Coilá; Mrs. Dwight (Gae Lyn) Anderson, Mt. Pleasant.

# missionaries shot

# Just for the Record



Homecoming was recently observed at the Mt. Vernon Baptist Church in Le County celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Church. The church had its begin nings on Sept. 29, 1931 when 13 people met in the old Mt. Vernon School building to organize. They elected Spurgeon S. Kelly as the first pastor. Five of the charter members were present to help in the Homecoming activities which included a dinner and singing by the Kinsmen. The five present, (Top photo), were Mr. Delmar Vinson, Mrs. Levell Kelly, Mr. Reginald Vinson, Mrs. Dewdrop Clayton and Mr. Clinton Vinson. (Also pictured is Spurgeon Kelly). Several of the former pastors were also on hand to help celebrate. Pictured also are John Dugard, Spurgeon Kelly, Ray Glomay Bobby Robbins and interim pastor David Roper



On Oct. 10 Grace Memorial Baptist Church, Tupelo, celebrated its fifth anniversary. After worship services, members held dinner in their new Christian life center, along with music by the Kinsmen quartet. During its five years as a church, Grace has licensed five persons to the gospel ministry, pictured left to right: Randy Warman, Dewitt Webb, Jay Bullock, Jerry Guess, and Milton Lamons. Joe Holcomb is pastor.



LONGVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH used the theme, "Here Am I, Send Me" in its GA recognition service. Angela Faulker, at center in second row, and Candy Stallings, cond from left, second row, were commended for their outstanding achievements ns Adventures. Regina Boyd is Acteens director; Patricia Pound is GA director; Bonnie Litton is WMU director



MARGARET GLAZE ROSS, center, was honored recently for 30 years of leadership in the WMU of Pelahatchie Baptist Church. Docie Edwards, right, presented Mrs. Ross with a plaque. At left is ZANE TOWNSEND, the church's newly elected WMU director. Barry C. Corbett is pastor.



D'Lo Baptist Church presented MRS. IDA THOMPSON with a plaque for her 40 years' service as church treasurer. Paul Roberts presented the plaque and Mrs. Germaine Sykes presented an orchid.



EAST END CHURCH, COLUMBUS, broke ground Oct. 18 for a new sanctuary. wn is the building committee (left to right) Mike Price. Robert Brewer, Bill McBryde, and Lee Roy Lollar. Right foreground is W. M. Daves, pastor.

led a new chain link fence around its cemetery, and has built a breezeway to tie its two buildings together. Also office space has been added.

Puckett Church held Pastor Ap-preciation Day Sept. 13, to honor its pastor, Jim Carr, and his family, Elaine, Tomarrah, and Jimmy. This was Carr's third anniversary as Puckett pastor. Special bulletins were prepared. The church presented per-sonal gifts and a love offering to the Carrs. Adults and youths delivered expressions of appreciation during the morning service. Lunch was served at the church. In the past three years Puckett Church has experienced a 100 percent enrolment growth in Sunday School and Church Training and a 200 percent growth in missions giving, ac-cording to one church member. A van has been bought, tennis and basketball courts and softball field provided, and a minister of music and youth hired.

#### Names in the news

Charles Farmer is available as pastor, interim pastor, or to supply. He may be reached at telephone 287-6820 or Route 8, Apt. 4, Corinth, MS 38834.

F. Marvin Myers has been elected executive director of the National Association of Church Business Adminis-

trators. He begins his work in November 1981 in Fort Worth, Tex. Myers, 48, was a church management consultant at the Baptist Sunday School Board for

five years. A
Myers graduate of Mississippi College and Southwestern Seminary he also has been a minister of youth, music and education/administration for churches in Mississippi and

The association is a professional training and service organization of more than 600 church business administrators serving through 20 denominations in 40 states.

Ingalis Avenue Church, Pascagoula, honored its pastor, Frank Hendry, and his family, with a reception Oct. 11. This date marked Hendry's second anniversary at Ingalls Avenue. Chairman of deacons Doug Shore ex-pressed appreciation and Cooper Hogue presented to the Hendrys a \$1,000 love offering from the congrega-

Hebron (Grenada) ordained James Williamson as a deacon, Sept. 20.

Morrison Heights Church, Clinton, recently ordained six deacons: Jimmy Carver, John Cook, John Arthur Eaves, Hugh Kersh, Randy Mascagni, and S. E. "Gene" Sturgis.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (BP)-Ann Kilner of Richmond, Va., has been named special products editor for Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to Southern Baptist Convention. Kilner will edit coordinated products and coordinate planning of special pro-jects for WMU's editorial department. She will also edit products for Acteens. WMU's missions organization for girls in grades 7 through 12. She was Acteens director for Woman's Missionary Union of Virginia.

C. E. Graves has been re-elected director of the Sunday School of Providence Baptist Church, Route 2, Meadville, Franklin County Association. Franklin Haire, Route 2, Meadville, is pastor. He was elected to this post in 1946 and has served continuously since that date-45 years.

#### Revival dates

Trinity Church (Rankin): Nov. 1-4; Talmadge Smith, pastor of Morgantown Church, Natchez, cyangelist; services at regular time on Sunday, 1:30 p.m. Mon.-Wed.; Bill Price, leading the singing; O. Lyn Nations, pas-

### Missionary news

Sydney and Frances Goldfinch, missionaries to Costa Rica, have retired and are now living at 3719 Ogburn Ave., Winston-Salem, N. C. 27105. They served with the Foreign Mission Board for 42 years—1939-44 in Uruguay, 1945-1960 in Paraguay, and 1961-81 in Costa Rica. He states, 'World mission conferences and other engagements are being scheduled for this fall and the spring of 1982. Pray with us for guidance as to a more permanent place for service, as we are

Cornelia Leavell, missionary to Hong Kong, has arrived in the States for fur-lough (address: 208 S. Washington St., Starkville, Miss. 39759). Daughter of Southern Baptist missionaries, she was born in Tsangwa (formerly Wuchow), Kwangsi Province, China. She was appointed in 1942.

#### Homecomings

Chunky Baptist Church: homecoming Nov. 1; 11 a.m. speaker, David-Boothe, Alexandria, La.; singing and burning of note on Family Life Building, at 1:30 p.m.; regular evening activities; Curtis L. Guess, pastor.

noon; Jackie Yow, pastor.

#### Staff changes

Calvin Kelly has resigned as pastor of McCool Church in Attala Associaton. He will become associate astor of Ridgecrest Baptist Church, Montgomery, Ala.

Jon Flippin has been called as pastor of East County Line Baptist Church in Attala Association. He formerly served as pastor of Easley Memorial Church (Panola). In addition to his work at the church, he serves as prin-cipal of the Zama Attendance Center.

Mike Smith has been called as pastor of First Church, Gilbertown, Ala. He goes from East Pleasant Grove Church in the Clarke Association. He formerly served Midway Church,

Tom McCurley has accepted the pastorate of Calvary Baptist Church, West Point, Clay Association. He was formerly pastor of West Ellisville Church, in Ellisville. He is a native of Gloster, and a graduate of Mississippi College and New Orleans Seminary. He and his wife, Donna, have three children, Todd, Jai, and Brent.

J. W. Carpenter, has resigned the pastorate of Friendship (Yalobusha), due to health problems. He states that he will be available for supply work. Friendship has called Bill Forsyth of Water Valley.

Emmanuel Baptist Church, Greada has a new church secretary, Mrs. Don Arnold. She succeeds Mrs. Gail Oliver, who resigned to join her has hand. David, a student at Blue Moon-tain.

Fairview Church, Sunflower County, has called George Gelber of Bay City, Texas, as pastor. He is a student at Mid-America Seminary, Memphis. He and his wife Faye have a son, 8, and a daughter, 4.

Second Baptist Church, Greenville has announced that Manuel Weeks has accepted its call to be pastor. He and his wife, Ginny, and

their son, Chris, are moving from Eastwood Church is a graduate of Delta State University, New Orleans Seminary, and Luther Rice Seminary.

Gerald Keith Gordon is now pastor of East Columbia Baptist Church, Route 2. Columbia. He is the former

pastor of the Centerville Church, Soso. He attended Southeastern Junior College, has a B.S. degree from William Carey College, and was graduated from New Orleans Semi-

nary. He was ordained to preach at Creston Hills Baptist Church, Jackson. He is married to the former Judith Faye Hollifield and has two children Jessica, 6 and Gerald



Church, Southaven, has called John Joiner as music and youth director. He was former music and youth director at Oakland Church Corinth, Joiner and others of his family, Debbie, Heith, and Chris, have moved

Colonial Hills

#### Revival results

Lake Forest Baptist Church, Walls: Oct. 4-9; five professions of faith; six additions by letter or statement; W. T. Berry, pastor, Thundering Springs Baptist Church, Leesburg, Ga., evangelist; Paul L. Lee, layman from McLean Baptist Church, Memphis, leading the music; Don Minshew, pas-tor. The chapel, a mission of Labelle Haven Baptist Church, Memphis, is just under a year old. It is a member of the Northwest Baptist Association.

Flag Lake Baptist Church (Tate): homeoming and harvest day, Sunday, Nov. 1; morning service at 10:45; lunch on the grounds; afternoon service at 1:30; special music by the adult and youth choirs, 1:30 until 2 p.m.; James R. Stevens preaching in the morning and Cecil Cole in the after-

#### Pontotoc men roof Utah church

Association sent a six-man team to Blanding, Utah, to help re-roof the First Baptist Church of Blanding. The associational mission committee, headed by chairperson Emogene Ray, initiated the project. The Executive Committee appropriated \$2,000 from the associational budget. The churches added a love offering of \$189.00 to help offset the cost of trans-

istration director, who headed the project.

The churches of Pontotoc Baptist painted the interior, re-worked doors, ssociation sent a six-man team to installed new doors, provided shelves in the Sunday School rooms and storage rooms, and did outside general re-pair. After the cost of materials and expenses \$1163.00 of remaining funds. were given to the Blanding church for additional siding work on the church and pastorium

The pastor of the Blanding church, Roger Stacy, is a native of Pontotoc, appointed by the Home Mission Board. The director of missions of Pontotoc

portation, food, and shelter for the The men re-roofed the church, Association is Wade Allen.

# Carroll picks pastor and layman of year

The volunteer Pontotoc Team included from Furrs Church associational Broth

hood director Howard Wallis and layman James Keith; from Liberty Church, associational moderator Bobby Caples and layman Reece Pennington; from Oak Hill

Church, layman Tommy Miller and pastor Alvis K. Cooper, associational church

Carroll County Baptist Association on Monday and Tuesday nights, Oct. 12 and 13, had two of the most harmonious annual meetings on record, according to Nolan Houston, Carroll-Montgomery director of missions.

Main speakers were Leon Emery, director, Church Administration-Pastoral Ministries department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board and George Smith, pastor of Carrollton Baptist Church.

During the second session, at Vaiden Church, awards were presented to William "Bill" Patten, pastor of the North Carrollton Baptist Church and moderator of the association, for pastorof-the-year, 1980; George Smith, for pastor-of-the year, 1981; and Joseph Sansing, for lay-person-of-the year,



Smith, Sansing, Patten

### East Corinth in Indianola. Weeks ordains Double Springs pastor

Russell Pepper Dill has been called to his first pastorate, at Double Springs Baptist Church, Eupora. East Corinth Baptist Church, Corinth, ordained him into the gospel ministry on Oct. 11, 1981. Dill's father, Charles B. istor at East Corinth

Jack May of Broadmoor, Memphis, preached the ordination sermon. Participating in the ordination and the first in the laying on of hands was Elbert R. Dill, Pepper's grandfather, a long-time deacon who participated in the ordination of his son, Charles, in 1968 in New Orleans, when Pepper was a small boy.

Pepper Dill, a senior at Mississippi State University, will enter seminary next year.



Patten, Lindsay, Hooks

Patter and one of his deacons, J. C. Hooks, were presented awards for earning the highest number of study. awards, percentagewise and in number, during the past year, on be-half of their church, North Carrollton. Randol Lindsay, Vaiden pastor and associational Sunday School director, rade these awards for the a

Patten was re elected moderator and Bennie Watson, Providence-McCarley pastor, was re-elected clerk for the coming year. Keith Thrash, Mt. Olive pastor, was elected vice-

#### Ted Church salutes Cockrell

P. A. Cockrell has served Ted Baptist Church 45 consecutive years as clerk; 35 consecutive years as treasurer: and 27 consecutive years as Sunday School director. He is still serving as deacon and Executive Board member. Members of Ted Church adopted a resolution Sept. 20 appressing appreciation for Cockrell's service and stating, "He has always been faithful in the discharge of his responsibilities, and he has contributed much time and support to his church and the work of the Lord among Mississippi Baptists."

John E. Barrow is pastor of the Ted Church which is near Louin.

Lynchburg, Va. (EP)-Moral Majority will mount an antipornography campaign next year using legal, economic and political pressure instead of a puritanical approach, a spokesman for the group

#### Calvary honors 41-year clerk

James Earl Bassett, clerk of Calvary Baptist Church, Meridian, since Oct. 1, 1940, recently resigned, saying that "it is time for someone younger to pick up this responsibility and duty. The church gave a reception in honor of Bassett and his wife.

Calvary Church on Oct. 11 adopted a resolution commending its clerk of 41 years for showing "exemplary Christ-ian deportment in his services" and for ''carrying forth his responsibilities faithfully." The resolution declared that ''he has

maintained a close working relation-ship with pastors and staff of said church and has shown efficiency in the execution of his duties." The commendation of Bassett, a life time

#### Pelahatchie will dedicate building

Pelahatchie Baptist Church will de-dicate its new education building on

Lunch will be served in the new facility after the morning service. Harold Kitchings, director, Baptist Foundation, will bring the message at the afternoon dedication service.

deacon, is to be made a part of the permanent records and minutes of the Calvary Church, W. Otis Seal, pastor.



Mr. and Mrs. J. Earl Bassett

#### Good Hope installs memorial windows

Good Hope Baptist Church, Newton: County, is celebrating its 126th anniversary. As a feature of the occasion, multicolor fiberglass windows in bronze aluminum frames have been installed in the sanctuary. According to the pastor, E. L. Clark, "the beautiful windows add to the spiritual atmosphere of worship." The pastor also states that the windows are all memorials sponsored by families who wish to honor their loved ones.

# Marks of the kingdom disciple

By Lewis Sewell, pastor First, Oxford Matthew 5:1-16 Chapter 5 of Matthew begins what is referred to as the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7). The "mountain" is not snow-capped peak. Rather it is reference to an accessible height where many could see and hear Jesus. From this position Jesus began to teach. The first section of Jesus' sermon is called the Beatitudes (vss. 1-16).

In the Beatitudes Jesus taught that the disciple whose life is characterized by all of the Beatitudes is a profound influence on the world. The Be are a well-known form of biblical speech. In this passage Jesus presents a number of Beatitudes. The exact nber of Beatitudes is a matter of opinion among New Testament scho-

The account in Matthew probably has nine Beatitudes. The nine

#### Eastlawn plans 30th birthday celebration

November 8 has been designated for the celebration of the 30th anniversary of Eastlawn Church, Pascagoula. The program for the day will include: 9:30 a.m. reception for former members; 10:30 a.m. worship service; 12:30 oldfashioned dinner on the ground; 2 p.m. old-fashioned praise service.

up of former and present choir mem-bers. Anyone who has ever sung in the youth choir of Eastlawn Baptist Church has a special invitation to be at Eastlawn and participate in this mass choir said Dodds Douglas, former minister of music who will be leading the choirs. A rehearsal will be held at the church on Saturday night, Nov. 7, at 7 p.m. Oliver Marson, home missio-nary in Montana, will speak. He was the first pastor of Eastlawn Church. coe C. Wentworth III is the present

An upright man can never be a downright failure.

out the only thing you're sure to get by asking for it is trouble.

Beware of half-truth, you might take hold of the wrong half.

Beatitudes do not describe nine different classes of persons. Rather, the true disciple will possess most or all of these characteristics. Similarly, the promised blessings are not divided among separate classes of disciples, but are all aspects of the blessing God gives now and later to loyal disciples. This blessedness is not something that disciples who are thus described feel. It is a quality unerringly ascribed

feel. It is a quality unerringly ascribed to them in the estimate of God.

Characteristics of the Disciple (5:1-

ese 12 verses nine Beatitudes are laid down. Each begins with "bles-sed." "Blessed" represents a Hebrew or Aramaic phrase which is of the natranslates as "happy." Jesus is not of-fering rewards; He is stating facts. Sometimes the fact is in the present, ometimes it is an event in the future. But even though its manifestation be postponed to another stage of existence, it is nevertheless a fact, and Jesus sees and states it. His language is that of one who witnesses a great triumph or a striking success, and offers felicitations.

We have presented to us features of character, conduct, or experience on which Jesus congratulates men be-cause of the results which accrue to them. Each "blessing" is accompanied by the reason for which it is pronounced, and sometimes, though not always, the whole statement appears to be a paradox.

'Poor in spirit" (v. 3) is a reference to those who accept the hardships and limitations of life without bitterness toward men or God, and thus place their lives in God's hands. They will be dom of heaven, which is the rule of God in the heart of a person.

In verse 5 "meek" means more than gentle. It describes the person who is humble and trustful towards God even though outward conditions of life are not easy. It is the opposite of self-centered. It accepts life under God without complaint or inner bitterness

In verse 8 the "pure in heart" de-scribes a person not merely free from lust and evil desire. Rather, it describes a person who is single-minded in complete loyalty to God and his pur-

The disciple is filled with these characteristics. The disciple of Jesus is a learner under the teaching and in-fluence of Jesus. The word translated disciple literally means "learner." So. as disciples we must have the characteristics described in the Beatitudes.

These characteristics of the Beatitudes are consistent with the type of Messiah Jesus revealed himself to be through the temptation experience.

II. Influence of the Disciple (5:13-16).
In verse 11 Jesus turned to his disciples and warned them that in their case suffering "for righteousness' sake" will mean being subjected to abuse, persecution, and every kind of

"for his sake." When he, the Messiah, is withdrawn from them, the hatred of the world, directed against him while he is on earth, will be turned against his followers. They must re-joice greatly in the knowledge that such suffering is an indication that they are in the true line of descent from prophets who foretold the Mes-

Those prophets and the people to whom they spoke were a "peculiar" people, and the disciples of Jesus must also, by the very nature of their cal-ling, be "distinctive." It is this truth which is expressed in Jesus' descrip-tion of them as "salt of the earth." The most obvious general characteristic of

salt is that it is essentially different from the medium into which it is put. Its power lies precisely in this differ-

The power of the disciple of Jesus in this world lies in his difference from the world. The Christian is as different from other men as the salt on a plate is different from the food into which it is placed. Another primary function of alt is to preserve, to arrest decay, to act as an antiseptic. The disciple, ac-cordingly, is called to be a moral disinfectant in a world where moral standards are low, constantly changing or nonexistent. But the disciple of Jesus can fulfill this function only if he him self retains his virtue—and this calls for much self-discipline.

The disciple of Jesus is likened also to a light. He is to obtain his light from Jesus who is the Light of the world. If this special light of influence is to be of great help in the world of darkness, it

must be in a conspicious place. So the disciples of Jesus are not to hide themselves, but live and work in places where their influence may be felt. The light in disciples that comes from Jesus must be fully visible to others, but not for their own glorifica-tion. Others must see Jesus in the dis-ciples of Jesus.

-Devotional -

# Sharing is having

By Graham L. Hales, chaplain Forrest General Hospital, Hattiesburg I John 1-4

One of my favorite memories of my student years at the University of Virginia is the fall of the year. We would drive up to the top of the nearby mountains and look across miles of colorful foliage. Words, of course, cannot and could not describe it. You must see it. However, it was not just seeing it as I stood in silent ecstasy that made those visits most memorable. It was standing with someone and sharing the

experience together.

Sharing our experiences

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I think that was what John had in mind as he opened his first letter. He and the members of his church had experienced the presence and power and glory of Jesus Christ in their lives. They had seen this new life, heard it, and touched it. The eternal life that was the life of the heavenly Father had now become a reality in their earthly lives.

But, there was a special character to this life from God. It not only changed the ones who received it. It not only washed away their sins. It not only made them new creatures in Christ. It was such a life expending experience that the belief.

new creatures in Christ. It was such a life-expanding experience that the believers were motivated to declare it, share it, give testimony to it. I never returned from the mountain drive without trying to share the beauty of the sight with school friends. I wrote about it on English themes. Letters home to my parents and to my beloved sweetheart were filled with my attempts in words to describe the splendor of the colors.

Sharing for a purpose

The main reason I sought to share the beauty of the mountains was to encourage my hearers to go and see for themselves. I could only talk or write about the experience. I could not give others my experience. John was sharing his tes-timony so that the readers might open their lives to God's life and find fellowship with the believers in that special fellowship or family of the Father. The love of God moved him to seek others to experience for themselves that same love. As others did read or hear his testimony and believed in Christ for themselves,

John would find his "joy may be complete." That's what happens in sharing of our faith. As others find what we have found, our lives are also blessed. We do not lose the joy but gain more joy. We have more of what we gave to others.

The beauty of the mountains lasted only a few weeks each year. The leaves fell and only a memory remained. Not so with eternal life. Once we experience it, we

do not lose it. Not a memory but a continuing, dynamic, growing experience to share and to enjoy. So, maybe this week, we can try a little sharing. If so, we'll find a larger having of joy in our lives.

### 22 sent to South Dakota

Twenty-two persons from Covington and Jeff Davis Associations took part in a Bold Mission project to Brookings, S. D., July 12-19. They went to assist the 18-member University Baptist Church in constructing additional Sunday School space.

"University Church is four years old and has recently called a full-time pastor. The struggling congregation de-sires to develop a strong witness for Christ in the community, and to minister to 7,000 students through a BSU work at South Dakota State University," said L. B. Atchison, director of missions, Covington-Jeff Davis.

The Mississippi men worked in construction while the women conducted a four-day Vacation Bible School. All of the group took part in Sunday worship with the small congregation, and also did visitation-witnessing in connection with the Bible school. They visited and

distributed tracts throughout Brook

Various churches of Covington and Jeff Davis counties gave \$1,300 to buy building materials. Many of the churches shared Bible school materials, thus providing their children a feeling of personal involvement in the project.

Those who went to South Dakota were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Fraysier, Old Hebron; Jerry Milling, Dublin; Gary L. Pinkley, Charlotte Pinkley, Janet Pinkley, Old Hebron; Charles E. Maples, Peggy Maples, Ann Majors of State Marso First, Mount Olive; Harold Wilson, Allison Mooney, James McPhail, Becky Rutland, Crystal Mooney, Anita Gib-son of Ora; Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Har-ris of Salem; Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Beech, guests of the Harrises; James Wade of Union, North; Delores Atchieon on, Prentiss, and L. B. Atchison, Pre ntiss, coordinator.

#### A Psalm

You have given us.
The burnt orange of autumn,
The brilliant green of the treetop.
Rich browns for base
And faded shades of grey. The smoky hazel In the eyes of a cat, On the wing of a sparrow. The glaring white of the sun When you look into it And the deep purple Shadows of dusk. Rainbows dancing 'round Water collected in a puddle. The cloudless blue Of the stretching and endless sky. Lush moss on the Cool black earth. The vibrant red of the Berries on the bush. And the clear of a tear When you touch us.

Father, what wonder To my senses. How does the night Know when to fall? And how does the winter Know when it's cold enough? What colour is the wind When it blows through My loved one's pretty hair? Why doesn't the ocean ur off the earth? And how can you love us Who don't deserve?

Father, what detail You have built into life. You make my heart beat; You make me draw breath. You teach me to sleep. You save me from death. You gave me a mind, A talent, a peace. You gave me laughter And just a sprinkling of magic. And you gave me a soul To know you with. Father, my being, Is filled with awe-For you.

> -Cundi Rawls Laurel

#### Off the record

During a railroad strike in England, a volunteer engineer on the London-Liverpool express performed the re-markable feat of bringing the train into Liverpool twenty-five minutes about of time. ahead of time.

The passengers went forward in a body to thank him. A pale face emerged from the cab. "Don't thank me," he gasped; "thank God. I only found out now to stop this thing ten this ming ten

# Life and Work Lesson

# God demands right living

By Joel E. Haire, pastor First Church, Crystal Springs odus 21:1-2; 22:21-25; 28-29; 23:1-3

One of the best ways to compliment parents is to compliment their chil-dren. Parents like to hear someone say, "Oh, you have such well-mannered children," or "your child is so sweet." It is pleasing to hear some-one say, "Your children are good chil-

Few rewards in life are more important than parents knowing that their children have become mature adults

ildren don't always feel the way their parents do about being good. Sometimes they seem to think there is something bad about being good. They don't always want to be the perfect little angels mother and daddy think they are. Perhaps they are uncomfortable with too much goodness because of the lower standards set by some of their ds around them. At any rate, they want to make many of the dec about right and wrong in their lives. Yet they need parents who will be con-cerned and guide them.

When God's people were in Egyptian slavery many of their choices were made for them. Now they were receiving the freedom they had longed for, but with that freedom would come re-sponsibility. They had more freedom to choose than ever before. They had the privilege of choosing what was right but they might also choose what

The people of Israel needed God's direction as much as ever before. They needed some guidelines. It was impor-tant that they turn their freedom into ight living. The entire future of Israel depended on a right relationship with God that resulted in right living.

I. God Demands Right Living That Moves A Nation Toward Individual Freedom (21:1-2).

Slavery did exist among the Hebrews. However, God did not lead the Hebrew people to practice it. When they had slaves they were not following the direction of God.

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The Bible does not here or elsewhere The Bible does not here or elsewhere each that slavery is right. God never nitended for people to be owned by eople. He always taught that it was erong to reduce a person to the level of thing which another person owned. A kind of slavery can exist in the ome when husband and wife treat each other as things to be manipulated.

ach other as things to be ma rather than persons created in the

image of God to be loved. Children will have difficulty growing to mature adulthood if their parents treat them as things rather than lives entrusted to them by the Lord.

Today we have a responsibility in the neighborhood, in the factory, on the job and in all personal relation-ships. It is important to treat people as people. It is tragic when we try to use them as things for our own selfish be-

There are several ways in which Hebrews could become slaves. They into slavery. Children whose parents were poverty-stricken might actually find slavery to be a better way out. Sometimes Hebrews became slaves

through crime.

God wanted a way out of slavery for his people when they were in Egypt. God wanted a way out of slavery for individuals among the Hebrews. He could have immediately declared everyone free. Instead he took the people where they were and led them toward where they should be. God said that a Hebrew slave's servitude must en the sixth year of it was completed. Freedom was God's desire for every individual.

II. God Demands Right Living That Requires Fair Treatment For all

The human mind often tries to forget past experiences that were bitter or unpleasant. What a temptation it would be for the Israelites to forget those past years of slavery and op-pression. Yet there was one thing they ust never forget. They knew how it felt to be strangers in Egypt. This was to be remembered as they dealt with strangers among their own people They knew the heart of a stranger and how it felt when they were vexed and oppressed. Remembering their own past would give them a tenderness of

Widows and orphans were espe-cially weak and defenseless. Often they had no one to turn to in their helplessness. If others mistreated there was little they could do about it. Here God showed how much he cared. If God cared, then his people must also care.

Today we know God as loving and caring. Because we are his children he expects us to express the same kind of love and care. We have a responsibil-ity toward those who are weak.

If the people of Israel oppressed others they would only bring about and hasten the day of their own oppression. Only God's protection could keep them from the sword. God's care alone could protect the wives from becoming widows and the children from becoming fatherle

Sometimes Christians are impatient with others who are oppressed by sin, difficulty and distress. It is easy to criticize and say that will never happen to me and my family. Have you noticed how often those who are most things they have criticized?
III. God Demands Right Living That

Recognizes The Necessity of Putting God First (22:28-29).

God was to be first in their attitude They were not to speak evil of God. Most of the people looked on the false gods of the heathen nations with con-However, this habit of speaking evil of false gods must never be practiced when speaking of the true and

The rulers of the people were to be respected. God had chosen them as his leaders. Words spoken of them were to express a right attitude.

God was to be first in their practice Such was clearly shown by their giving. To give God the last and the least evidenced a last and least attitude toward God. To give God the first and the est evidenced a first and best attitude

IV. God Demands Right Living That

IV. God Demands Right Living That Regards Truth as Essential In All Relationships (23:1-3).

1. Truth about a person is God's way(23:1). When physical violence destroys a person it is easily seen and condemned. However, untruth about a person, through harder to see, can person, through harder to see, can likewise be destructive. An untruthful witness in their courtroom or elsewhere is forbidden

2. Truth in the midst of a multitude is God's way (23:2). It is never right to do wrong regardless of where the major-ity stands. Mob action is self destructive and destroys others. It is not always possible to be true to God and

ways possible to be true to God and true to the crowd. Being frue to God leads to being truthful toward others.

3. Truth above favor is God's way (23:3). Even the poor were not to be unduly favored just because they were poor. God's truth would be sufficient to be treat for right living in relation to the stand for right living in relation to the poor as well as in every other situation throughout life.

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# Uniform Lesson

Christ's glory By Jerry E. Oswalt, pasto Second Avenue, Laurel

John 17:1-26

The word "glory" is a key word in this passage, being used in some form a total of seven times (17:1, 4, 5, 10, 22, 24). In the Scriptures the word is frepently associated with the presence of God (1:14). It also is used to refer to that quality that a person or thing es because of an intrinsic goodness, beauty, loveliness, or some other positive property. For example we with his perfection (Isa. 42:8) and that the glory of Lebanon is the beauty of

her trees (Isa. 60:13). In its verb form (to glorify) the word means to make honorable or to bring to a position of esteem, dignity, and worth as in the death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus (17:1,5), as in the completed redemption of believers (Rom. 8:18,30), and as in the obedience of God's Son (17:4) and all his children (I Cor. 10:31).

This passage considers some of the aspects of Christ's glory.

I. Consider the Glory of His Cross

(17:1-5). lesus speaks to God in a most simle, intimate, and open fashion (17:1a). Personal praying at its best is simply talking with the Father. God intends prayer to be complicated. He desires that we approach him in simple childlike trust.

Realizing that the time of his crucifixion is near (12:23;17:1), Jesus asks the Father to glorify him. In this initial request Jesus has in mind the glory of the cross (12:23-24). Christ's glory is not just highest holiness on a throne; it is also sacrificial suffering on a cross. It is not strange to believers that Christ foresaw glory in his suffer-ing and humiliation. We honor, esteem, and love him more for Calvary than anything else.

As he prays for God to glorify him in suffering and death, Jesus knows that the end result is that God will be glorified too. God's love for sinners is made manifest through Christ's dea on the cross as nowhere else. God is also glorified through Jesus' obedi-ence itself. Just as children honor their parents through their obedience, Jesus honors his Father through his obedience unto death (17:1,4).

Father, who authorizes him to provide eternal life to those who believe in him,

is likewise going to enable him to complete his task (17:2). It is only through Jesus' finished work that men can know the Father personally and inti-mately (17:3,4) (Rom. 5:10). This is

the very essence of eternal life.

Another facet of Christ's glory in his cross is the resulting glory of his resurrection and ascension. His triumphant glory is necessarily prece his sacrificial glory (17:4; 12:23,24 Phil. 2:9-11). Jesus asks for the crowning act of his glorification on the basis signed task (17:4.5).

II. Consider the Glory of His Disciples'
Obedience (17:6-19).

Jesus goes on to talk with the Father about his disciples' need for preserva tion and sanctification. He is obviously gratified that eleven of the twelve disciples have believed that he is authen tic and have understood and accepted his message (17:6-8). It is because of their acceptance of and obedience to his message that he is glorified in them (17:10). Only Judas rejected Jesus' role as suffering servant (17:12). All the others eventually accepted Jesus as suffering servant and along with it his challenge to them to live lives of self-denial. It remains difficult for his followers to engage in sacrificial living. We must remind ourselves that just as his sacrificial glory preceded his triumphant glory our sufferings with him must precede our triumphant glory with him (Rom. 8:17-18).

sus asks that the Father preserve and sanctify his disciples (17:15,17). This is necessary in order that they may continue to glorify him as he sends them forth into a hostile world with his message (17:18). Preservation from the temptations of the evil one is only made possible through the sanctification (setting apart for holy living) that is accomplished by th r of God's truth (17:17), God's word, which is truth, is that which sustains and strengthens his children for holy living (Psa. 119:11).

III. Consider the Glory of His Church's Unity (17:20-26).

In a passage that lifts the hearts of every generation of Christians, Jesus asks the Father to bless all those who will believe on him through the witness of the original disciples (17:20). In the process he lifts every individual in the church universal up to the Father. His prayer is that all believers will be one

with the Father, with him, and with one another so that the glory of genuine brotherhood will offer an effective witness in the world thus validating Jesus as one sent from God (17:21-23). We can never overestimate the value of maintaining unity in the bond of peace. It must be given priority in our churches. This kind of unity is only possible as believers personally rience and appropriate the love of God. Jesus promises to continue to make God's name (his character) experience edification in God's love (17:26).

Jesus also prays that the church will be allowed to be with him and see his triumphant glory (17:24). He previ-ously promised his disciples that they would be with him (14:3). This prayer is connected with that promise. John felt and expressed the assurance of the answering of the prayer when he wrote, ". . . we know that when he appears we shall be like him for we shall

How wonderful to have the unsurpassed privilege of sharing in his glory! The glories of his sufferings, of his resurrection, of obedience to and of unity in him are all ours for the taking. How encouraging to know that he not only prayed for us to share in his glory then but intercedes for us still (Heb. 7:25).

Glorious is thy Name, O Lord!

#### Gains after surgery

ALEXANDRIA, La. (BP)—Robe L. Lee, executive director of the Louisiana Baptist Convention, con-

tinues to improve from recent surgery, according to his wife, Grace. Lee was admitted to Rapides Gen-eral Hospital Sept. 25 because adhe-sions from previous surgery caused in-testinal blockage.

Following surgery, pneumonia set in and treatment was complicated by Lee's allergy to pencillin. Alternate medication has cleared up the pneumonia, but physicians are continuing to treat Lee for a stubborn postoperative infection, Mrs. Lee said.

About 509,000 low-income people are on the food stamp program in Mississippi. Each month they are issued over \$20 million in food coupons.